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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

PHILLIP J. BRUNO, D.C. License No. 38MC004901

PROVISIONAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

TO PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Chiropractic Examiners upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made;

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent, Phillip J. Bruno, D.C., is a chiropractic physician in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. On January 5, 2007, Respondent pleaded guilty to the crime of False Statements Relating to Health Care Matters, in

violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1035, 24 & 2, before the Hon. John R. Tunheim, a United States District Judge in the District of Minnesota. (Copy of the Judgment in a Criminal Case is attached as "Exhibit A" hereto, and incorporated by reference herein.)

3. Respondent was sentenced on January 5, 2007 to be incarcerated for a total term of 15 months, commencing on March 12, 2007. Thereafter, Respondent shall be on supervised release for a term of 3 years. Also, Respondent was ordered to pay restitution to five insurance companies, jointly and severally with three codefendants, in the aggregate amount of \$226,678.00.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The aforesaid conduct provides grounds for the revocation of Respondent's license to practice chiropractic in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A 45:1-21(f) and (k), in that Respondent has been convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude and which relates adversely to the practice of chiropractic; and has violated an insurance fraud prevention law of another jurisdiction.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 24th day of JAPUARY , 2008, ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice chiropractic in the State of New Jersey shall be, and hereby is provisionally revoked.

- 2. The Directives of the Board applicable to any Chiropractic Board licensee who is suspended, revoked or whose surrender of licensure has been accepted are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein, whether or not they are attached hereto.
- 3. The within Order shall be subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry hereof unless Respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:
- a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to Joanne Boyer, Acting Executive Director, State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101.
- b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.
- c) Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor, including any reasons for mitigation of the sanctions imposed.
- 4. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board, and the Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through the submission by Respondent during the thirty-day period, or if the Board is not persuaded that submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order of Discipline will be entered.

5. In the event that Respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to, an evidentiary hearing, Respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein shall serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceeding. However, the Board shall not be limited to the sanctions herein and may recoup the costs of the proceedings.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

Bv.

Albert Stabile, Jr., D.C.

Board President